

Indiana State Park Deer Reduction Hunts

Online application must be completed by August 26, 2012

An applicant must possess a valid license to hunt deer to apply for this hunt.

Deer reductions in Indiana State Parks are carried out exclusively to achieve an ecological objective; ensuring balanced and healthy habitat for all flora and fauna within park boundaries. The reductions are a necessary management tool that helps protect other plants and animals, some rare and endangered, from the effects of elevated deer densities.

Hunter densities and the number of available spots are carefully calculated for each park. If successfully drawn, the parks depend on you to fill your spot.

The following parks will host two reduction hunts in 2012:

Chain O'Lakes	Charlestown	Fort Harrison (archery only)
Harmonie	Ouabache	Prophetstown
Shades	Shakamak	Spring Mill
Tippecanoe River	Turkey Run	Versailles
Whitewater Memorial.		

Reduction hunts will take place November 13 & 14 and November 26 & 27. Individuals may take up to three deer (only one antlered). Deer taken in these hunts are in addition to all other bag limits. You may bring up to two buddies but you must include their information on your application to do so. No single name can appear on more than one application per reduction period. If you choose to apply, you **MUST** keep a copy of your application confirmation.

To be eligible for these reductions, you must be an Indiana resident, 18 years of age by November 13, 2012 and possess a license to take deer. Parks where firearms are used will draw first from the pool of hunters who have a valid Hunter Education Certificate (HEC). All names on an application must have a valid HEC to qualify for first-round drawing. Parks designated for archery equipment require a valid HEC or International Bowhunter Certificate to apply. If you claim possession of a certificate on your application and are drawn, you may be required to present your card at the property on the day of the hunt.

Special concessions may be made for hunters with disabilities. Contact the property of interest before applying. Draw results and park specific details for successful applicants will be made available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/> online after September 7, 2012.

For more information or to apply, visit <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5834.htm>